THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement about crime against women is enclosed as Amexure [*See Appendix 174 Annexure No. 35*] Information regarding action taken by the State Governments in individual cases is not maintained by the Central Government.

(d) The Resolution relating to atrocities against women adopted by the Rajya Sabha on 24-3-95 was sent by the Home Minister to all the Chief Ministers of the State Governments and to U.T. Administrations, emphasising the need for early implementation of the Resoulation. Twelve State Governments have so far responded to the Home Minister's communication and have assured the Central Government of their commitment to check crimes against women.

Monitoring of State-by-State Pollution Level

1604. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased state:

(a) whether State-wise pollution levels are being monitored;

(b) if so, the mechanism used to monitor pollution on State-wise bases;

(c) whether monthly reports are compiled by such a system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS SHRI (KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Pollution levels are being monitored in various parts of the country under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (NAAQM) Programme. There were, in all 208 stations operating under the above programme in various States in the country as on 31st March, 1995. These stations are operated through the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) and Centre Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Inland water quality is monitored through a network of 480 stations of which 398 stations are for rivers, 39 for lakes, 27 for ground water sources and 16 stations are at various other locations. In addition, under the Ground Water Quality Project, 134 locations have been identified in 21 critically polluted areas in the country by the CPCB, where sampling and analysis has been initiated through the State Ground Water Boards from 1993.

(c) and (d) Statistically analysed data and the corresponding interpretative reports are prepared and published by CPCB anually.

Loss in freight revenue

1605. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways is losing freight revenue heavily due to carelessness of officials to measure bulk cargo handled; and

(b) the estimated loss on account of excess loading of coal that brings no revenue to the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Adequate steps are taken by the Indian Railways to ensure that there is no overloading of wagons by arranging weighment at the booking/destination point and in cases where weighment facility is not available at those points, then weighment is done enroute. Whenever overloading is detected, penal freight charges, as per rules, are realised.

Amounts spent on Combating Terrorism

1606. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been spent by the Central Government to contain terrorism in various states, during the past five years; and

(b) whether these amounts are being recovered from the State Governments and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Assistance to states for improving their police related infrastructure is